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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
United States Department of Justice  
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion on the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice in November of last year. As I understand it, Microsoft has agreed to a wide range of restrictions and obligations that would allow other computer makers more ease of competition. I believe Bill Gates has worked hard to accomplish what he has, and if Microsoft has so much influence, then more power to Mr. Gates. Unfortunately, there are those who disagree.

It has come to my attention that there are nine states now that are in opposition to the terms of the agreement reached in the antitrust case. They are seeking to extend the suit and undermine the terms of the settlement. This is ridiculous. Microsoft did not get off with just a slap on the wrist. They have agreed not only to license their Windows operating system to the 20 largest computer makers, but they have also granted these computer makers rights to configure Windows so that non-Microsoft programs can be promoted within its operating system. Microsoft has agreed to terms that exceeded even the bounds of the anti-trust case, and I am of the opinion that they have been more than fair.

Mr. Ashcroft, I do not believe that this suit should continue. The nine states that currently oppose the terms of settlement have lost sight of justice and have become vengeful. The Department of Justice has no right to mete out vengeance. I do not think the matter should be further pursued.

Sincerely,

Margaret Woolfork